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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Hon. Members want that we should provide an inducement to them to come back by the steps we are taking here. We are preventing that catastrophe but the hon. Member Mr. Kurup wants that we should give them scope for returning to India."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" Sir, on a point of order. The Hon. the Minister was saying that so far as the repatriates from Ceylon to Malabar were concerned, they did not want any help. May I know from him with what statistics as the basis and on what authority he said so? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" How is it a point of order? "

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" There were representations made to the Government both by the Members of Legislature and also other representatives of the people with regard to the necessity for providing relief to these people. The Hon. the Minister says that there is no necessity for relief and none wants relief."

MR. SPEAKER :—" How can this be raised as a point of order? It can only be a supplementary."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" It is misleading the whole House and you must help us, Sir."

MR. SPEAKER :—" How can I help if the Hon. Minister misleads the hon. Member? " (Laughter.)

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" Are we not entitled to get correct answers? This is misrepresentation and you must come to our rescue."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I have stated the correct facts in my possession. The relief is not for the M.L.As. but people who have come from Ceylon. I have categorically stated that we have not received any representation from them for any immediate help."

Improvements made to slums by the City Improvement Trust.

11–30 a.m. * 305 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state the interest the City Improvement Trust has taken so far for the benefit of the poor and the Harijans?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" One of the primary objects of the Madras City Improvement Trust is to improve the slums in the City and provide houses for the homeless poor including Harijans, so far as its finances permit.

During 1950–51, the slum known as ' Sankthiganapathipuram ' in Mambalam South and a part of Cox Square (formerly known as Cox-Cheri) were cleared and improved. By this improvement about 100 families were rehabilitated. In 1951–52 about 1,000 grounds in Mandavalipakkam were cleared

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and improved. By this scheme, about 250 families living in slums were temporarily accommodated in the scheme area. They will be shifted to 250 plots in a regular lay-out in the near future. In 1952–53, 250 grounds of land in Sri Rampet Slum in Mambalam South was cleared. By this, about 300 families were rehabilitated. This locality has been provided with the amenities such as roads, lights, sewers, etc. Some culverts, more roads, a community centre, etc., are under execution. In the same scheme area, a slum known as Masthan Garden covering 250 grounds was cleared and improved during 1953–54. By this, about 300 families were rehabilitated during the current year, 40 tenements for the families dehoused on account of the execution of the Cox-Cheri Scheme have been constructed. Forty more tenements for the same people will be constructed shortly. There are some other schemes designed for the benefit of the poor people pending execution."

Sri S. PAKKIRISWAMI PILLAI :—" From the statement of the Hon. Minister we find that the City Improvement Trust is directing its attention only to South Madras which is comparatively richer than North Madras wherein there are larger number of slums accommodating poorer sections of the people. May I know, therefore, whether the Hon. Minister will instruct the City Improvement Trust authorities to divert their attention to North Madras also?"

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" All slums will be taken up in due course for improvement."

Sri C. RAJAM RAMASAMI :—" May I know whether the City Improvement Trust have made a proposal for improving the slums on the basis of half-grant and half-loan?"

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" Yes, Sir."

Sri K. VINAYAKAM :—" How many families were displaced from Cox-Cheri and how many of them were given provision for housing in Kodambakkam? Is it not a fact that in the Cox Square which was recently opened by the Hon. the Chief Minister of Madras no sewage connexion has yet been given but that a pretence is made with one dry latrine?"

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" The hon. Gentleman may give notice of a separate question."

Sri A. RATNAM :—" May I know whether the City Improvement Trust is collecting any rent from the Harijans for the hutment grounds and the huts constructed and whether the Trust will assign the slums entrusted to it to the respective Harijan occupiers?"

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" Rents at concessional rates are being collected."